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SUBJ: UN ADMINISTRATION - US REPRESENTATION ON UNGA

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REF: A) USUN 5794, AND PREVIOUS

1. UK MISSION CALLED MEETING OF AMBASSADORS FROM US, UK, AND FRANCE DECEMBER 10 TO DISCUSS COMPOSITION OF VARIOUS BODIES BEING ESTABLISHED AS RESULT OF DECISIONS OF CURRENT ASSEMBLY. UK AND FRENCH AMBASSADORS (MORETON AND DE GUIRINGAUD) STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING SEATS FOR PERMANENT SC MEMBERS ON ALL UN BODIES. THEY THOUGHT BEST APPROACH, IN VIEW INCREASE IN WEO GROUP TO INCLUDE US AND FRG, WAS ENLARGEMENT OF ALL COMMITTEES TO PERMIT SATISFACTORY REPRESENTATION OF WEOS OTHER THAN US, UK AND FRANCE.

2. UK AND FRENCE REPS PROPOSED INCREASE IN SIZE OF COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES, TO 24 MEMBERS SO THAT 6 WEO SEATS COULD BE ASSURED. THEY ARGUED THAT LDCS ARE OFTEN ABSENT FROM MEETINGS AND THAT LARGER COMMITTEES USUALLY FORM WORKING GROUPS TO GET THE REAL WORK DONE. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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- 3. PER STATE 262355, AMBASSADOR BENNETT ARGUED FOR EFFICIENCY OF KEEPING BODIES SMALL, BUT UK AND FRENCH REPS URGED THAT US AVOID "HEAD IN SAND" APPROACH, AND AVOID NEEDLESS CONFRONTATION IN PRESENT UNGA ATMOSPHERE.
- 4. COMMENT: WE HAVE CLEAR IMPRESSION UK AND FRENCH PRESSING US OUT OF CONCERN OVER THEIR OWN POSITION AND LIKELIHOOD OTHER WEO WILL NOT ALWAYS BE WILLING YIELD PRECEDENCE TO THEM. MISSION FAVORS HOLDING LINE AT LEAST ON COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES, BUT IS BEING SUBJECTED TO STRONG PRESSURE TO RESOLVE ISSUE GENERALLY BY INCREASING MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES QUESION, OF COURSE, MUST BE CONSIDERED WITHIN BROADER CONTEXT, I.E., COMPOSITION OF OTHER BODIES SUCH AS WORLD FOOD COUNCIL, CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ON IWY CONFERENCE, ETC. WE HAVE TOLD ITALY, UK AND FRANCE, FOR INSTANCE, THAT WEO WILL HAVE TO TAKE LEADERSHIP WITH LATIN AMERICANS AND OTHERS TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATION ON WORLD FOOD COUNCIL.
- 5. REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS BY 10:30 A.M. DECEMBER 11 WITH RESPECT COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES. SCALI

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